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SUBJECT: GUATEMALA HUMAN RIGHTS LEAHY AMENDMENT VETTING REQUEST -
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The Military Group at Embassy Guatemala has identified the following individuals to participate in the Joint Operations Course at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, Fort Benning, Georgia, from March 25 to May 22, 2009. Embassy conducted its own review and found no credible information that the individuals below have been involved in gross human rights violations. Please conduct human rights vetting and advise of any results by March 20, 2009.

NAME: Otto Isauro MENDEZ CALDERON
RANK: Engineers Colonel, Guatemalan Army
DOB: August 28, 1964
POB: Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

NAME: Juan Carlos PONCE VALDEZ
RANK: Lieutenant Colonel, Guatemalan Air Force
DOB: February 9, 1969
POB: Guatemala City, Guatemala

NAME: Marco Antonio SANCHEZ VASQUEZ
RANK: Lieutenant Commander, Guatemalan Navy
DOB: March 9, 1973
POB: Guatemala City, Guatemala

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